



Church Records and Jurisdictions for Norway

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This class is designed to teach family history researchers how to find the correct Parish/Clerical District while searching for an ancestor in the Church Records for Norway.

Objectives:

Patrons will understand how to find a Parish/Clerical District in each county in Norway and understand how the borders work in the 1600s, and 1700s as it may only include one Parish/Clerical District and later 1800 – early 1900s a Clerical District with several sub-parishes. This is important to understand while searching for an ancestor in the Digital Archives (Digitalarkivet) of Norway. Here we will search the parish of Andebu for the following records.

- Birth and Christening Records
- Confirmation Records
- Marriage Records
- Death and Burial Records
- Moving Records
- Vaccination Records

Background:

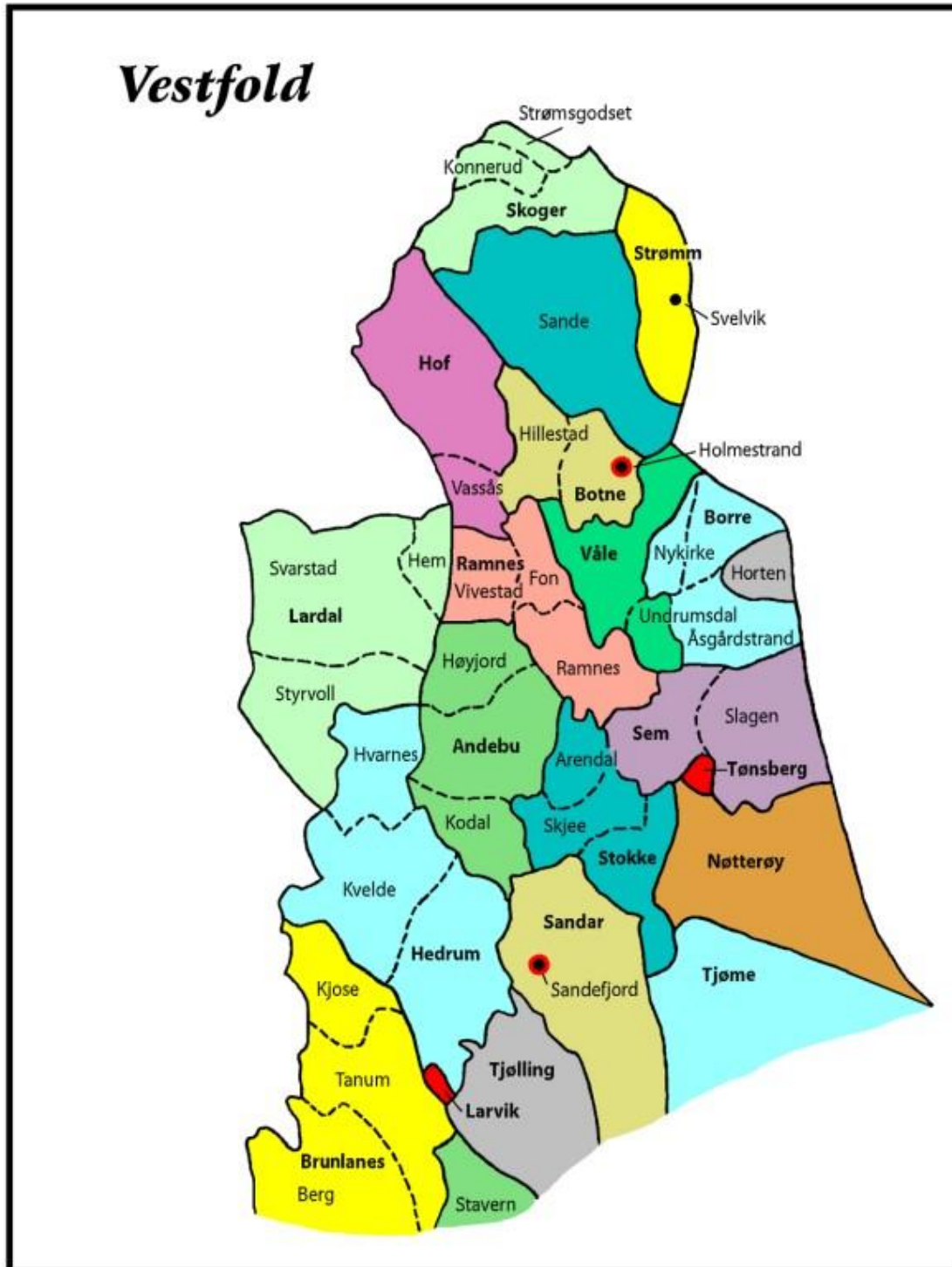
We will understand what kind of records are included in the Church Records for a given Parish/Clerical District and learn how they work from the early 1600s -1900s.

1600s - 1700s

The early records usually take in a bigger area and may even take in the outskirts of the surrounding parishes. As we look at the parishes included in the records for Andebu clerical district, in Vestfold County, Norway you will notice three parishes Andebu, Høyjord and Kodal. The early record will only list Andebu as a parish or clerical district.

Notice that by 1733 Andebu Clerical District included the 3 parishes: Andebu, Kodal and Høyjord, all in Andebu clerical district.

See Map available at [FamilySearch.org/wiki](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki) for Norway:



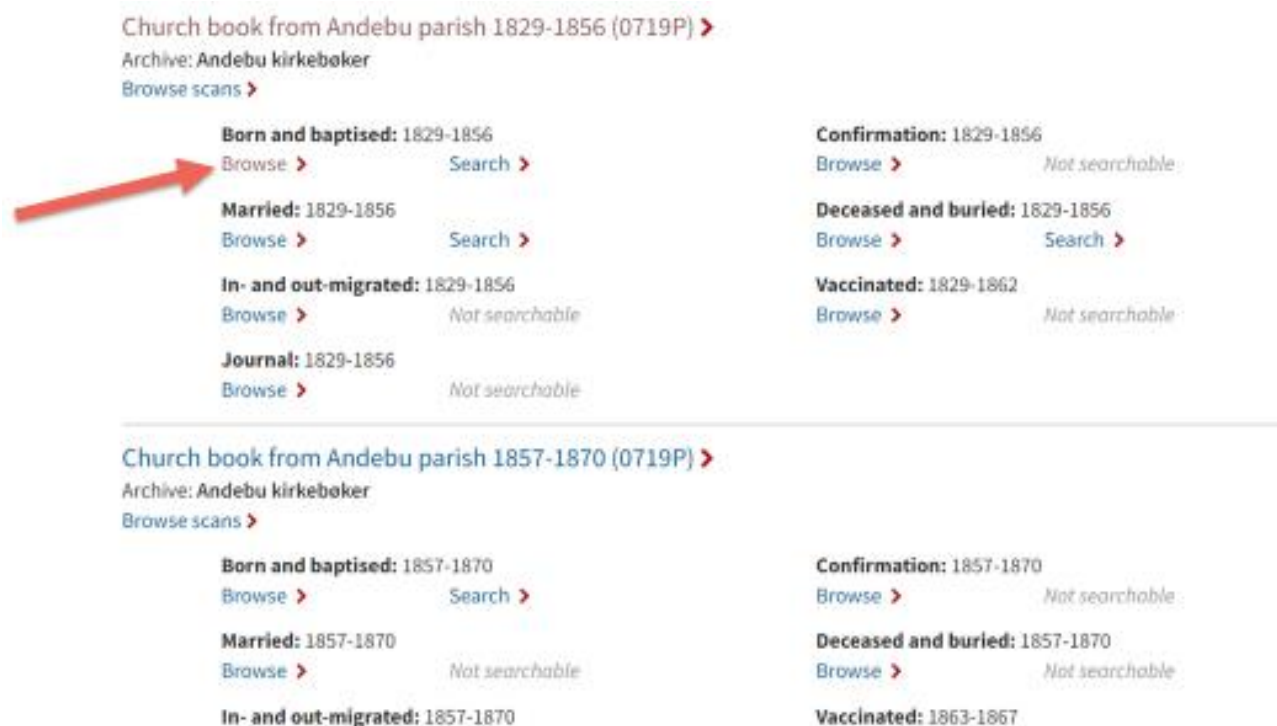
Notice solid line for Andebu clerical district with sub parishes Andebu, Høyjord and Kodal separated by broken lines. The name in bold is usually the name of the clerical district but as the population grew additional churches were built for each of the sub-parishes. However, in the early 1600 – 1700s there was usually only one parish which became the Clerical District or Head Parish and included the whole area.

1800s – 1900s

From 1800s to early 1900s a parish within a clerical district may be listed by itself. It is important to know that each parish must be searched as an ancestor may be listed in only one of the parishes. Click on “Content” or “Innhold” just before searching for an ancestor as it will list the name of each parish that are included for a given number of years.

Digitalarkivet:

See records for Andebu parish 1829 – 1856.



Church book from Andebu parish 1829-1856 (0719P) >
Archive: Andebu kirkebøker
Browse scans >

Born and baptised: 1829-1856 Browse > Search >	Confirmation: 1829-1856 Browse > Not searchable
Married: 1829-1856 Browse > Search >	Deceased and buried: 1829-1856 Browse > Search >
In- and out-migrated: 1829-1856 Browse > Not searchable	Vaccinated: 1829-1862 Browse > Not searchable
Journal: 1829-1856 Browse > Not searchable	

Church book from Andebu parish 1857-1870 (0719P) >
Archive: Andebu kirkebøker
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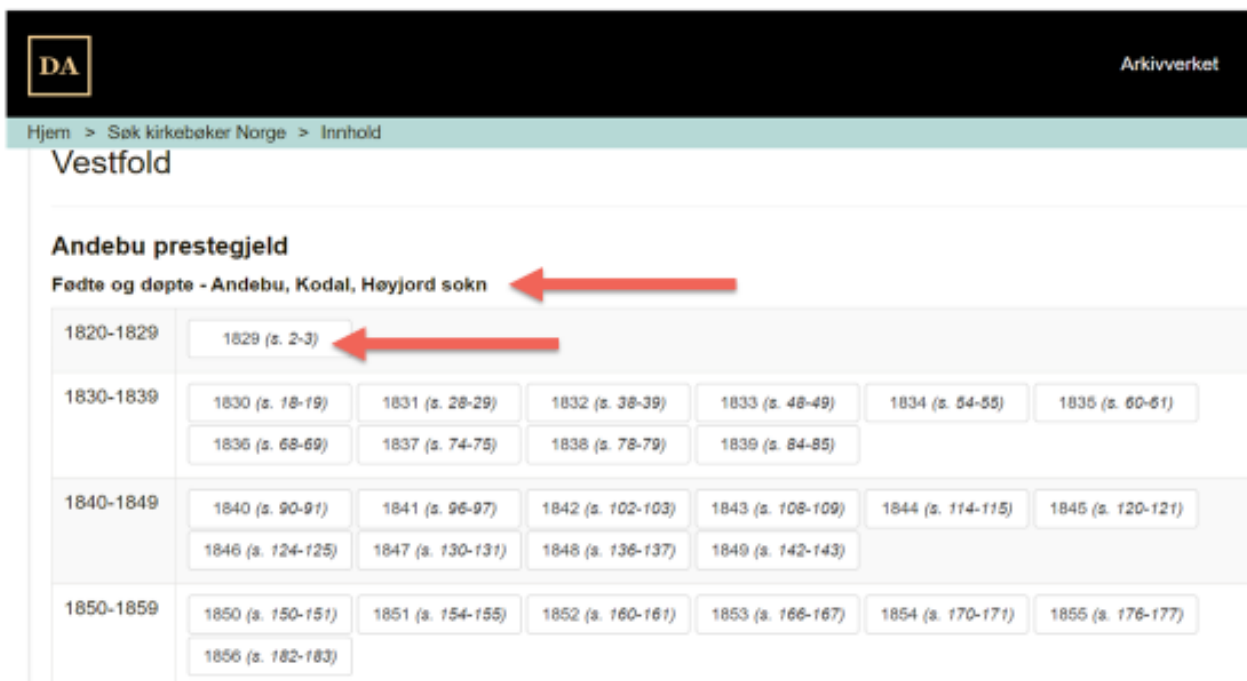
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Married: 1857-1870 Browse > Not searchable	Deceased and buried: 1857-1870 Browse > Not searchable
In- and out-migrated: 1857-1870	Vaccinated: 1863-1867

Click on Browse and notice in the upper left corner is a greenish line with the word Innhold (in Norwegian) or Content (in English). Click on it.

Parishes of: Andebu, Kodal, Høyjord



Notice the name of each parish in a clerical district is listed for the following years.



This is how you will know which parishes are included in a range of years.

To find which parishes are included in the Indexed version see below.

Click on “Search”.

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Not searchable

Deceased and buried: 1857-1870

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Not searchable

Vaccinated: 1863-1867

Next enter the name and or year of birth of your person.

<p>Given name:</p> <input type="text" value="Christopher"/>	<p>Church book from Andebu parish 1829-1856 (0719P)</p> <p>Go to complete source information ></p>
Last name:	
Gender:	
Role:	
Position:	
Residence:	
Birth place:	
Birth year:	
<input type="text" value="1828"/>	

After entering the name of the person and the year of birth and click on “Search” in the upper right corner of the screen and notice the name and a complete birthdate of Christopher will appear.

Next click on “Christopher”

Search in born and baptised

Customize search

☐ Disable name variants

Reset SEARCH

Filters

Given name:

Christopher

Last name:

Your search resulted in 1 hit:

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Name	Birth year	Birth place	Role	Position	Residence	Parish/Church	Date of baptism	List type	Source
Christopher	1828-12-16		barn				1829-01-01	Born and baptised	Church book from Andebu parish 1829-1856 (0719P)

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Show list

Notice his information as well as the name of his parents and each parish included in this range of years in the box to the right.

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Serial no.: 1 Date of birth: 12-16

Role: barn Birth year: 1828

Given name: Christopher Birth place: -

Last name: - Legitimate/Illegitimate born: -

Gender: m Age: -

Position: - Married: -

Residence: -

Church book from Andebu parish 1829-1856 (0719P)

Go to complete source information

County: Vestfold

Municipality (1947): Andebu

Geographic area: Andebu parish
Andebu local parish
Kodal local parish
Høyjord local parish

Start year: 1829

End year: 1856

Births and baptisms:

1829-01-01

Parish/Church: -

Persons involved:

Serial no.	Role	Name	Position	Birth year	Birth place	Residence
1	barn	Christopher		1828		
2	far	Lars Christophersen				
3	mor	Anne Sophie Olsdatter				Braavald

Births and baptisms:

Page: 2, 3 Baptism date: 01-01

Serial no.: 1

Confirmed: - Parish/Church: -

This is how to know which parishes are included in a record.